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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: CLUTCH LOCKOUT MECHANISM)
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Note on fees: The applicant has paid for the prosecution of 20 total claims and 3 independent claims. The numbers of total and independent claims do not exceed these numbers. Hence, no additional fees are due with this response.

Claims

1. (Original) A clutch lockout comprising:

posts to receive bolts to retain the lockout to a clutch boss;
retaining screw holes to retain lockout fingers mounted on the lockout; and
at least one indent in each post to accommodate the retaining screw holes.

2. (Original) The lockout of claim 1, further comprising:

slots to receive the lockout fingers; and
at least one edge formed to create lips around the slots, the lips having a width narrower than the diameter of countersinks of the retaining screw holes.

3. (Original) The lockout of claim 2, further comprising:

the at least one edge formed to create lips having a width narrower than the diameter of the retaining screw holes.

4. (Original) The lockout of claim 1, further comprising:

slots to receive pivots of the lockout fingers; and
two retaining screw holes for each slot to receive a pivot.

5. (Original) The lockout of claim 4, further comprising:

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